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TREE FARM BULLETIN

2016 SPRING TREE FARM FIELD DAY

DISCOVER VERMEJO PARK RANCH

There is nothing quite like Vermejo Park Ranch. Consisting of 588,000 acres situated high in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of northern New Mexico, it ranges from high prairie grasslands at 6,400' to above timberline at nearly 13,000'. Vermejo offers a diversity of ecosystems with resulting flora and fauna found almost nowhere else in the West in such pristine condition.

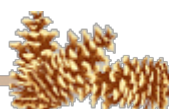


Vermejo Park is the heart of the famous 2 million acre Maxwell Land Grant created in 1841.

Lucien Maxwell, a fur trader colleague of Kit Carson, acquired the land grant through marriage, established its headquarters in Cimarron, and allowed settlers on the land.

At the turn of this century, a wealthy Chicago grain speculator, William Bartlett, purchased Vermejo Park, a prime portion of the original grant. He built elaborate ranch houses, established trout fishing lakes, started a 6,000 head cattle herd, and reintroduced elk.

In 1926, following the death of Bartlett and his two sons, Vermejo Park was sold to a group of businessmen who organized and sold shares in the Vermejo Club. Members included Hollywood celebrities Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford as well as business and political titans Harvey Firestone and Herbert Hoover. The Vermejo Club disbanded during the Depression.



In 1948, W. J. Gourley, a Ft. Worth businessman, acquired Vermejo Park. This, in addition to the acquisitions, increased the total acreage to 480,000.

Pennzoil Company bought Vermejo Park in 1973 and continued the operation as a guest and cattle ranch. Pennzoil also acquired additional acreage bringing the total to 588,000.



In the fall of 1996, Vermejo Park was acquired by Ted Turner. It is the largest of Turner's extensive land holdings. The guest operation was retained, the cattle were sold, and bison were stocked on their historic range <http://vermejoparkranch.com>

Over 60% of Vermejo Park is comprised of classic southwestern ponderosa pine forest, thus making its restoration back to a healthy, sustainable landscape one of our most important priorities. To that end, the ranch is currently thinning the abnormally thick stands by cutting small diameter trees to make posts and poles as well as some sawlog trees of poor health and quality. Western Wood Products produces doweled wood products, which are uniform in shape and diameter for a broad range of uses <http://www.westernwoodproducts.net>



We will be touring portions of **Vermejo Park Ranch** (30 miles west of Raton, NM) and touring the

Western Wood Products Mill (Raton, NM). More details (meeting time/location, map/directions and motel information for the Raton area) will be published in New Mexico Tree Farm Bulletin April Edition.

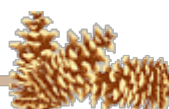
Take some to time to join us in northeast New Mexico for the 2016 Spring Tree Farm Field Day!

May 13th, 2016
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Please RSVP by April 29, 2016

Contact Arnie Friedt, Inspector, NM Tree Farm Committee
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1) SACRAMENTO WOOD INDUSTRY SUMMIT (Ruidoso, March 30-31)

Enhancing the Forest Industry; New Products & Trends; Emerging Markets; Success Stories in Wood Product Businesses; Information on Networking for Contractors; Expert Panel Discussions on Funding Sources, Grants, SBA, etc.; Bidding Processes & Lists; Biomass Usage; Demonstrations and much more. The summit is free and open to the public. For more information call ENMU-Ruidoso: 575-257-3012; coda.omness@enmu.edu; or mail to: 709 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.



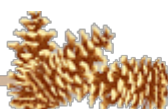
2) NEW MEXICO 2016 WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE SUMMIT (Silver City, March 31-April 2)

The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Summit www.nmfireinfo.com is a statewide traveling conference that is organized by representatives from state and federal agencies and local non-profits. The WUI Summit focuses on topics that teach local leaders, emergency responders, businesses, and citizens the science behind forest fires and what each player's role is in mitigating risk of forest fires in the wildland urban interface.



The 2016 WUI Summit returns to Silver City, New Mexico for a second year and will be held at the Besse-Forward Global Resource Center on the Western New Mexico University Campus www.wnmu.edu/quickfacts/wnmu_map.pdf. This year, each day of the conference targets specific audiences, beginning with local leadership on the first day, moving to agency and responder responsibility, and ending with community involvement for a half day on Saturday. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the full conference to gain a comprehensive outlook on exactly what it takes to re-energize community fire response.

Please be advised that online registration is open until March 23, 2016. After this date, all new registrations must be done onsite. The online registration fee is \$65 for attendees and \$315 for exhibitors. Onsite registration fees are \$85 for attendees and \$350 for exhibitors.



NEW FEATURE!

3) BUY, SELL OR TRADE

Are you looking for forestry related equipment to buy (i.e. chipper, splitter, chainsaw, etc.)? Or, do you own forestry related equipment you would like to sell or trade? We would like to help you make the connection with other New Mexico Tree Farmers. Provide us with a description of the equipment, price, photo and contact information and we will post it in the New Mexico Tree Farm Bulletin. If you would like us to help you make the connection please provide information to Arnie Friedt at arnie.friedt@state.nm.us

4) COMMUNITY CORNER

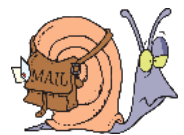
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If your community is having a forestry related public event let us know the details and we would be delighted to promote your event in the New Mexico Tree Farm Bulletin. Give us the event details, Who, What, Where and When with contact information and we will include in our monthly bulletin. If you would like us to help you promote your event, please provide information to Arnie Friedt at arnie.friedt@state.nm.us

5) NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

The New Mexico Tree Farm Program is in the process of switching website addresses. Our current website is at <http://www.nmfamilyforests.org/> and will be discontinued at the close of this year (2016). Our new website is at <https://www.treefarmssystem.org/new-mexico> and is already active. Current feature include: contact information, resources, newsletters, bulletins and our calendar of events. Take a few minutes and check out our new website (provided to us by the American Tree Farm System).

6) HELP! Reduce costs while conserving resources. And get your Tree Farm Bulletin hot off the internet. E-mail instead of snail mail.



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